

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 14, 1965

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call—Present: Haruska, Lyons, Wharton, Goodman, Cutler, Darling, Gannon, Lundberg—8.

Absent: Lett, Frankel, Slowey, Dunnings—4.

II. Minutes of meeting of December 10, 1964 were read and approved.

III. Petitions and Grievances: None.

IV. Communications: None.

V. Report of Committees:

a. Education—Gannon: Sub-Committee meeting was held in the afternoon of January 14 to discuss additions and corrections to the list of questions made up by Committee of The Whole and Education Sub-Committee.

Questionnaire has now been completed and Director will process it along with a letter to the Board of Education requesting a joint meeting be set up to discuss questions.

The following suggestions were also made:

A meeting with the School Board at least once a year.

Suggestions from the Board on ways the Board and Committee can work together.

Letter be drafted to Recreation Department from Committee and letter and questionnaire similar to one sent to Board of Education be drafted for Parochial Schools, and have ready for next Committee meeting.

Suggestions from Committee members along these lines requested.

b. Employment — Cutler: Employment status of male member of harrassed family discussed.

Questionnaire to employers discussed at Sub-Committee meeting next week and brought before Committee at next meeting.

c. Housing—Lundberg: Report to Committee of presentation before City Council of recommendation that a Housing Commission be set up. Follow-up is needed. Another meeting with Board of Realtors suggested. Discussion followed with questions directed to Mayor Bowerman regarding his stand on matter. "Housing for the elderly most critical." Cited housing in Dearborn as an example of what can be done.

Lundberg: Suggested that a committee be established coordinating the efforts of all organizations concerned with re-location.

Motion made that the Chairman be given authority to appoint a Coordinating Relocation Committee and that the committee be advised of their scope and responsibility; that they would be an advisory group and any action taken would be through the Committee of The Whole.

Carried.

Motion made that the Human Relations Committee publish a Human Relations Calendar and Bulletin as soon as possible and that the Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee make recommendations in this area.

Carried.

d. Research and Public Relations—Wharton: Reported that 80% of the I-496 Survey was completed. Clean-up work should be completed with the assistance of the Committee and report should be completed by February 11.

The Housing Market analysis is 40% completed. The banking and finance study has not yet been started.

Goodman and Wharton reported on some of the feelings of the residents they had interviewed. Found that there is some bitterness on the part of many they had interviewed. They found that there is quite a difference in rental costs along the corridor; many retirees with homes paid for and little income; that many stated a preference to staying in the downtown area; that public transportation is essential to many.

VI. Old Business: Copies of Judge Kallman's statement on juveniles had been mailed to Committee members as requested.

Gannon—That Human Relations Committee draft a resolution that it does not condone such conduct on the part of juveniles as pertains to the disturbances at the Civic Center. Discussion followed.

Director to draft resolution for Committee's approval.

Copies of Annual Report sent by mail to the Committee members for corrections and approval. Discussion followed, suggestions and corrections made.

Motion made that report be accepted as corrected.

Carried.

VII. New Business: Budget for 1965-66 presented and discussed. Changes made. Motion made that budget be accepted as changed.

Carried.

VIII. Director's Report—Mateer: Since time was late, Director suggested that he mail Committee his report on his New York Conference and other matters.

Gannon—That Directors report come at the beginning of meeting in the future.

Mayor Bowerman presented certificates to Committee members in appreciation of service.

IX. Meeting Adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 11, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll Call: Present: Dunnings, Cutler, Frankel, Wharton, Lett, Gannon, Lundberg, Darling—8.

Absent: Slowey, Lyons, Haruska, Goodman—4.

II. Minutes: Minutes of meeting of January 14, 1965 read and approved.

III. Petitions and Grievances: Dunnings: Complaint received from citizens regarding possible undesirable methods of a local real estate company. Director asked to check into matter.

Lett—Complaints received from parents concerning St. Joseph Ice Rinks. Director of Parks and Recreation Department called in for discussion.

IV. Communication: Letter from Samuel Hall, Counselor-Coordinator regarding Employment Upgrading Program. Aid is needed in locating youth qualifying for this program.

V. Directors Report: Mateer—Reported the following:

1. That a letter and questionnaire have been sent to Lansing School Board requesting a meeting.

2. A meeting was held in Police Chief Straigers Office regarding investigation of harassed family.

3. His attendance at Economic Opportunity meeting and Job Training Meetings.

4. The Committee's assistance has been asked in setting up a bibliography on Human Relations for the library.

5. The Director is assisting in putting on a Brotherhood Program at West Junior High School.

6. The Committee was reminded of the 7th Annual Brotherhood Program and banquet on February 18th.

7. Committee notified that a bill for additional parole officers and probation officers is being proposed (Committee had recommended same).

8. Director presented a possible name change for Committee (from Human Relations to Community Relations) for Committee's consideration. To be discussed at a later date.

VI. Committee Reports:

a. Education Sub-Committee—Gannon: No Sub-Committee meeting this month. A suggestion was made that Director contact other Human Relations Commissions asking them to involve themselves in Michigan Week, to exchange contributions that Human Relations Commissions have made; to show what the state is doing in Human Relations. Sub-Committee chairman will meet with Director to formulate ideas.

b. Housing Sub-Committee — Cutler: Employment Survey Questionnaire discussed. Additions and corrections made. Motion made that survey be accepted as corrected.

Carried.

c. Housing Sub-Committee—Dunnings: No committee meeting this month. Suggested looking into "good neighbor" policy as used in East Lansing to see if it might be adapted for use in Lansing.

Reported that NAACP will open an office on the S. E. corner of Logan and Hillsdale to help people with problems in re-location.

d. Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee—Wharton: Summary of 1-496 Survey started December 1st and finished January 25, was read by Mrs. Wharton. Complete report covering first two phases will be ready in March.

VII. Old Business: Lundberg—Proposed members of Relocation Advisory Committee have been contacted with representation from Chamber of Commerce, local bank, realtors, NAACP, Interfaith Council

and Welfare Department. A meeting date has been set for February 23, 7:30 P.M.

Dunnings—What is progress on "Career Day?" Director reported that the school had been contacted and that he would check on what progress had been made.

VIII. New Business: Dunnings—Motion that Human Relation Committee support Yankee Stadium Inc. (Department Store chain) in its boycott. Discussion followed with some members stating that such action was not the direct interest of the Committee as a City body.

Motion lost.

Lett—Suggested that Governor be asked to reconsider his veto on bill proposed to aid persons moved by government or highway action. Director asked to investigate matter, and set up a meeting with Governor's office and Highway Department within next two weeks.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 11, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll Call: Present: Wharton, Frankel, Lyons, Haruska, Lundberg, Lett, Cutler, Dunnings, Darling—9.

Absent: Gannon.

II. Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1965 were approved as printed.

III. Grievances: Lett — Question — Why Lansing's only Negro real estate broker has not been included in meetings with real estate people (as was requested)?

Mateer and Lundberg—No meetings have been held in the past few months. Mr. Bracy will be notified in the future.

Mateer — Progress report was given on last months complaint of practices of local real estate company. If more complaints are received, further investigation will proceed.

IV. Communications: Letter from Mr. Stephen Partington, Lansing Board of Education, concerning joint meeting with Committee.

Letter concerning Lane Bryant Awards. Referred to Peretz Katz, Community Services Council.

Letter from Greater Lansing Coordinating Council concerning Committee's stand on boycott.

Father Faiver came into the meeting and was introduced to the Committee. He will serve in Msgr. Slowey's place, but will have no voting rights until an official resignation is received from Msgr. Slowey.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Research and Public Relations Subcommittee—Wharton:

Report on I-496 Survey—A summary and conclusion was read by Mrs. Wharton and a presentation of the Survey was made to the Committee.

Motion was made that report be accepted and recommendations at the conclusion of the summary be accepted and carried out.

They are as follows:

1. That low cost housing is not available for the needs of the I-496 relocatees.
2. Perhaps the greatest need is for a **coordinated** approach to low cost housing in the City of Lansing. (Individual efforts by individual private interest groups may magnify the problem rather than resolve it.)
3. Emphasis of attention should be directed toward solving the housing needs of the retired and welfare families first. Low-cost, but adequate housing is a basic necessity.
4. A very practical program which the city can initiate and which should be begun as soon as possible would be a housing agency established for the purpose of aiding in relocation, furnishing housing information to those desiring it, and coordinating housing efforts.

In addition, on the basis of information secured as a result of the Residential Relocation Survey, our Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee recommends to the Lansing Human Relations Committee that this Survey be referred to the Mayor of Lansing, and the Lansing City Council, re-stating our recommendation for a housing authority to be set up in order to assist in resolving the problems associated with displaced persons who have low incomes.

Motion Carried.

Discussion followed on the availability of the Survey and the questionnaires. It was decided the Survey would be given to those interested in it, but the questionnaires themselves were considered confidential.

b. Housing Sub-Committee—Dunnings: Met with the City Council on the matter

of housing. A resolution has been asked for by the Council to establish a Housing Committee. The Committee is to make another study and report back on the need for low cost housing.

A group is to go to Washington in the near future to discuss projects and investigate possibilities.

Father Faiver—Letter has been sent to Mayor Bowerman from the Citizens Committee on Low Cost Housing asking that a Housing Commission be set up to: Review as quickly as possible the studies of need; make specific recommendations regarding site, financing, construction, management and type of housing; present findings and specific recommendations within 30 days of the establishment of the Housing Authority; and that all reasonable steps taken so that the Housing Authority is functioning by March of 1965.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Council recommending that action be taken immediately and that Mr. Dunning's of the Housing Sub-Committee be present at the next Council meeting to emphasize again that the Human Relations Committee wants and recommends a Housing Commission rather than another study committee.

c. Education and Recreation Sub-Committee—Mateer: Meeting date for joint meeting with Board of Education and Administration has been set at March 24, 1965, at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Dunnings: Students being bussed from Main to Walnut are now being bussed home for lunch instead of having lunch at school. NAACP Education Committee has investigated and were not satisfied with answers given. Director explained that he was familiar with the school lunch program, and explained the problems connected with it.

d. Employment Sub-Committee—Cutler: No sub-committee meeting held. Lists of possible names for employment questionnaire to be sent to was given out to the Employment Sub-Committee members by the Director for study.

e. Relocation Committee: Minutes of the meeting were mailed to Committee members. A more minute report of the meeting was given by Mr. Lunberg. Discussion followed.

f. Director's Report—Mateer:

1. Planned Brotherhood Program at West Junior High School was not held due to snow.
2. Report of meetings attended during the past month.
3. Listed names of individuals and groups interested in information available in Human Relations office.
4. Explained about Citizens Study Committee on Education.
5. Reported on letters and questionnaire

prepared that after Education Sub-Committee approval, will be sent to Parochial Schools and Recreation Department.

6. Read letter concerning "Career Day" for ninth graders at West Junior High School.
7. Interfaith Council has asked Human Relations Office to coordinate efforts to use covenant cards to implement neighborhood meetings.
8. Telegrams sent to both President Johnson and Gov. Wallace concerning Selma incidents.

VI. New Business: Mateer—Library staff has compiled a bibliography of Human Relations materials and have asked that the Human Relations Committee publish same. Discussion followed on prices, methods, etc.

Motion was made to pursue printing of bibliography, to be kept within our present budget.

Carried.

A resolution was made to commend the Library staff for the time and effort spent in compiling the bibliography. Letter to be drafted by the Chairman and Director.

Motion made that this resolution be sent.

Carried.

Wharton—Motion made that Committee publish through the press and news media that a march sponsored by the Lansing Human Relations Committee and the East Lansing Human Relations Commission to be held in protest of the recent events in Selma, Alabama. The march is to be held Sunday, March 14, 1965 at 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

Parade permits are to be obtained and details worked out by Mrs. Wharton and the Director.

VII. Old Business: Goodman—Requested that the Committee reconsider their vote on the boycott. Having been absent at the February 11th meeting, she took this opportunity to point out many incidences where the Committee should be concerned with matters outside their immediate area. Discussion followed in which it was decided

the motion should be re-worked as follows: The Human Relations Committee commends Mr. Joseph Megdill for the position he has taken with regards to the injustices in the State of Mississippi.

Vote taken.

Motion Carried.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 13, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll Call: Present: Lundberg, Faiver, Haruska, Lett, Wharton, Goodman, Dunning, Cutler, Darling—9.

Absent: Lyons, Gannon, Frankel—3.

II. Minutes of last official meeting approved as printed.

III. Grievances: Mateer:

1. Complaint by resident in the I-496 Corridor, concerning price offered for house, and difficulty in purchasing another house using the loan program offered to relocatees.

2. Complaint of citizens concerning Police methods and the Director's report of his investigations concerning same.

3. Report from mother dissatisfied with a school situation regarding personnel and curriculum offered. Matter turned over to Community-School Coordinator for meeting with persons involved.

4. Further report on Robinson incidents.

5. Complaints received concerning practices of two local realtors. To be investigated.

Lett: Expressed concern about treatment of Police by some individuals. Discussion followed.

IV. Correspondance:

1. Letter from Peretz Katz concerning the Neighborhood Youth Corps Training Program.

Referred to Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee.

2. Letter from John Duley pertaining to a Student Education Project.

Referred to Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee.

3. Correspondance from Greater Lansing Coordinating Council requesting our endorsement of a proposal for Equal Opportunity in Housing.

Motion made to endorse the proposal and that Director contact other agencies in Michigan concerned with human relations.

V. Committee Reports:

Directors Report: Mateer.

1. Bibliography progress report. Bibliography ready to be printed.

2. Reported on incidents at the Civic Center. Discussion followed on ways and means to correct the situation. Director presented a statement of recommendations for the Committees consideration.

A motion was made to send recommendation that the Lansing Police Department take all reasonable steps to protect life and property with strict and impartial enforcement of the law.

Carried.

3. Progress report was given on proposed bill to provide moving allowances for people displaced by public action.

Motion made to notify the Governor and Senate that the Human Relations Committee is in favor of the passage of this bill.

Carried.

4. Discussion of exchange of minutes with the East Lansing Human Relations Commission.

It was decided that we would send copies of our minutes to total East Lansing Commission.

5. Report of Steering Committee meeting for annual Human Relations Conference. Meeting was held in Room 136 at City Hall, Wednesday, May 12.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 to go into joint meeting with Housing Committee to hear Mr. Robert McCabe, Assistant Director for Urban Renewal Relocation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 10, 1965

Meeting was opened by Vice-Chairman Wharton at 4:10 p.m.

I. Roll Call: Present—Goodman, Frankel, Wharton, Gannon, Dunning, Faiver—6.

Absent — Lundberg, Darling, Cutler, Haruska, Lett, Lyons—6.

A quorum was not present, but it was decided the meeting would continue with any official business to be approved at the next regular meeting when a quorum is present.

II. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those present.

III. Grievances: None.

IV. Communications:

1. Letter from Joseph Megdell thanking the Committee for their letter of commendation.

2. Copy of letter from Planning Board regarding recommendation for housing needs.

3. Copy of report from Rev. Smith regarding June 6 vigil.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Directors Report—Mateer.

1. A call was received concerning a disturbance during and after a PTA meeting at a local school. Parents and PTA Officials were registering a complaint regarding fighting among teenagers and the inadequacy (they felt) of police coverage and handling.

A check has been made with Police, PTA Officials, Principal of school and a meeting was held at the home of PTA President.

Parents are concerned about the lawlessness of some youths and the apparent lack of control over them. They are looking for help, and will meet with various official groups to give and receive suggestions. The Committee will be notified if any further help from them is needed.

It was stated that this group should have the backing of the Human Relations Committee and a suggestion was made that an indication should be made to them that the Human Relations Committee is aware of the problem and will help whenever possible.

2. Reported that the bill to pay the moving expenses (up to \$200) for highway displaced people has been passed and signed by the Governor.

3. A report was given on meeting with area Human Relations Directors held Friday, June 4.

4. A report was given on various meetings attended in regard to displacement.

5. Announcement of an all day seminar with area Police Chiefs and State Police Commanders to be held Friday, June 25. It is being sponsored by the Civil Rights Commission, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the School of Police Administration of MSU. Groups of Police Chiefs will be brought together for a day of intensive discussion of their responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in the area of Civil Rights.

Moved and supported that Directors Report be accepted. Approved by those present.

b. Employment Sub-Committee—Mateer—No sub-committee meeting. 23% return on Employment Survey. Discussion followed.

c. Housing Sub Committee—Dunnings—No committee meeting except the joint meeting with Housing Committee to hear Relocation Representative for Urban Renewal.

c. Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee—Wharton—Since this was her last official meeting, Mrs. Wharton turned over referral material to Committee for transfer to new Sub-Committee Chairman.

d. Education Sub-Committee—No Report. General discussion followed on education matters.

I. Old Business: Motion made to commend Bruce Brown for his time and effort spent providing the I-496 Study. Motion

carried by those present pending total Committee approval.

II. New Business: Mrs. Wharton introduced Mrs. Aaron Henry, wife of the President of the Mississippi branch of the NAACP, who spoke briefly stating some of the problems they are involved in Clarksdale. She urged the Committee to continue to work out problems and continue to work together for the good of all and perhaps some day they may be able to do so also.

Resolution was introduced by Mr. Dunnings to commend Mrs. Wharton for her efforts on behalf of the Human Relations Committee past and present and the City and expressing the Committee's regret that she is leaving.

Motion was made and supported that the Resolution be presented to Mrs. Wharton. Carried by those present with a few suggested changes.

III. Meeting adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, June 24, 1965

The meeting was opened at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Lundberg.

Roll Call

Present: Lett, Cutler, Goodman, Frankel, Darling, Lundberg, Lyons, Faiver, Dunning, Gannon—10.

Absent: Haruska, Wharton—2.

Chairman Lundberg opened the meeting with a statement regarding the purpose of the meeting. Mayor Murningham had called him two weeks ago proposing a change of directors to allow Mr. Mateer to assume the role of Housing Director. The Committee was called together to discuss same.

Mayor Murningham was introduced to the Committee. He stated that he was vitally interested in the Committee's work and had noted that a great deal of the Committee's and Mr. Mateer's time had been involved in housing problems. With the creation of the Housing Committee and possibly the Housing Commission, a director is needed. The Housing Committee has asked for Mr. Mateer as director. At the same time he (the Mayor) had been thinking of ways Mr. Letts could be used in City employment and came to the conclusion that Mr. Letts could aid the City best by working with the Human Relations Committee. The two departments would be placed next to each other and would be working closely together. To expedite matters, he took steps to clear the way (if the arrangements are satisfactory to both Committee's) and has talked with the Personnel Department, the Council, the Board of Education, Mr. Mateer and Mr. Letts. If the Human Relations Committee is agreeable, he will meet with the Housing Committee next week. He feels that it can be a very effective arrangement.

The meeting was opened for questions and discussion, which centered around the future of a Housing Director if an ordinance establishing a Housing Commission is not adopted.

Mr. Mateer was asked to make a statement: He stated that he was reluctant to leave the Human Relations Committee and has enjoyed working with them. He wants to work where he can do the most good, and there is a lot of work to be done in housing needs. He would like the assurance that the Human Relations Committee will continue to work with him and stand behind him.

Mr. Letts was asked to make a statement: He stated that it was quite a step for him to take, changing jobs after having taken the position with the Board of Education just three months ago. Mr. Manning has reluctantly consented to release him. Mr. Letts stated that he would be glad to work with and for the Human Relations Committee if they feel his services are needed.

After further discussion a motion was made that the Human Relations Committee regretfully accept, as of June 30, the resignation of William Mateer as Director of Human Relations, so that he may accept the position of Housing Director; that a letter of gratitude and thanks be sent to Mr. Mateer for the fine job that he has done. Supported and carried unanimously.

Motion was made that the Human Relations Committee appoint Richard Letts as new Human Relations Director as of July 1, 1965. Supported and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 8, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call: Present—Goodman, Cutler, Lett, Haruska, Lyons, Dunnings, Davenport, Gannon—8.

Absent: Darling, Frankel, (Faiver entered at 5:35)—2.

II. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as printed and mailed.

III. Petitions: It was suggested that forms be drafted by the Director to be used for petitions and complaints.

Dunnings reported on a case of a developer who declined building a house for reasons of race and possible business loss in a F.H.A. Development. F.H.A. has directed builder to allow building of house or face loss of all F.H.A.

IV. Communications:

1. Request from Michigan Welfare League asking for nominations to the League Board.

2. Communication from Mr. Hine line to inform Committee of a survey of welfare cases in the I-496 area.

3. Letter from Neighbor to Neighbor Committee read by Director. (Discussion under Director's report)

V. Reports:

a. Director's Report—Lett:

1. Report of a meeting of a neighborhood committee concerned with Churchill Downs followed the reading of a letter from a Neighbor to Neighbor Committee. Discussion of patterns being set and of the concern of some residents in the area and of the number of houses now up for sale or empty in one area.

A member of the Committee who lives in the sub-division, disagreed as to the reasons the houses were up for sale or vacant. He stated that they were the result of low initial down payments and high monthly payments that buyers were unable to continue paying.

Another member stated that the area apparently has been chosen as an area to show to minority race members.

The Director was instructed to use the investigating powers of the Human Relations Committee and make an investigation of the matter by contacting the residents.

2. Report on the Regional Seminar with Chiefs of Police and Civil Rights Officials. This was one of ten meetings held throughout the state.

3. Report on Inter-faith Council on Race and Religion meeting. Director has been asked to take an active place on the Council in the place of Mr. William Layton who has left the state.

4. Attendance at the East Lansing Human Relations Commission meeting. The Commission has established a Community Liaison Committee (consisting of one commission member and a citizens advisory committee). They would like to work with Lansing's Human Relations Committee.

The Committee was asked for their opinion on the matter. Suggestion was made that it could be handled by the Research and Public Relations Committee and its chairman, with any citizen's committee members to be voted upon by the total committee. The establishment of guidelines for citizens committee's was suggested.

5. Report on Anti-Defamation—Human Relations Conference to be held in September. Fee of \$50.00 has been asked from each Human Relations Committee with a staff. Conference is still in the formation stages and Director will keep Committee informed. Discussion followed.

6. Director reported that for the time being (next three to four months) the Human Relations Director and the Housing Director will share the same secretary (if office changes can be made) in the interest of a smooth transition of the change of Directors.

Haruska—Brought up a matter concerning a group of youths (some from Lansing) having a party at a nearby lake resort over the holidays which could have become a bad incident. He stated that the party was becoming boisterous and he and a neighbor went over to talk to them—telling them that other people have rights also to enjoy the area, etc. The party continued with no trouble and when the youngsters left, they cleaned up the area leaving it as they found it. It was his opinion that a way should be found to commend youths for their good behavior when deserved.

Letts—Told of an idea he had to establish a Human Relations Youth Group. Director instructed to follow through on idea.

Since some members had to leave early, the election of officers was moved up on the agenda and the meeting was declared open for election of officers.

Lundberg expressed a desire on his part for a change in chairmen this year, but was reelected chairman unanimously with Mrs. Goodman being elected unanimously for vice-chairman.

Committee was advised that if they desired any changes in their sub-committee appointments to contact the Chairman or the Director.

b. Employment Sub-Committee—Cutler.

Employment Survey at a standstill. Suggests a meeting of Sub-Committee to see where they will go from here. Discussion followed.

c. Housing Sub-Committee—Dunnings.

Discussion of Housing Commission and possible passage of ordinance.

d. Education Sub-Committee—Gannon.

No report. Suggested that Education Chairman and Director have a meeting to discuss some unfinished business of the

sub-committee. A review was given of what has been done in the past and what sub-committee plans to do in the future.

Haruska—Question in regard to transfer of children out of schools to make room for integration.

Goodman—Presented Dr. William R. Manning's Position Paper of July 11 and discussion followed.

By Goodman—

That the Human Relations Committee go on record to support Dr. Manning's 'Position Paper' of June 11. Supported. Motion carried with Labor Representatives voting "No" until clarification is obtained from Dr. Mannings on his stand regarding the moving of children out of neighborhood schools to make room for integration. Both Mr. Lyons and Mr. Haruska wish to go on record as not being in favor of the above.

Committee members did not interpret Dr. Manning's paper as indicating that this was being planned but agreed that Director should write a letter to the Board of Education with a copy to Dr. Manning stating that the Committee voted in the main to support Dr. Manning's "Paper," but there was a minority vote against breaking up the neighborhood concept in order to provide room for integration.

VI. Unfinished Business—(Rev. Faiver entered at this time)

Director instructed to write letter of commendation to William Mateer, former Director.

VII. New Business:

Copies of Community Check List were handed out to Committee members to be filled out and returned to Director. Discussion followed. A suggestion was made to send copies to absent members.

Director made a statement regarding his and the Committee's role in improving community relations.

VIII. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 12, 1965

Meeting of the Human Relations Committee was called to order by Chairman Lundberg.

Roll Call

Present—Lundberg, Frankel, Haruska, Faiver, Cutler, Davenport, Lett—7.

Absent — Dunnings, Lyons, Goodman, Gannon (Lett could not stay for the meeting. No quorum present)—4.

Visitors—NAACP Housing Committee, Churchill Downs Community Council, Committee, Rev. George Bush, Redeemer Lutheran Church and a representative from the League of Women Voters.

PETITIONS

Eight complaints filed. Three written civil rights complaints, two written housing complaints, three informal complaints.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter to Committee from Mr. Mateer, former Director.

Letter from Dr. Manning concerning "Position Paper."

Letter from Board of Realtors indicating their cooperation.

Copy of letter sent to local realtors from Churchill Downs Community Council.

Letter and news clipping regarding Saginaw's open occupancy.

Communication from Mayor regarding Municipal League Conference in Grand Rapids.

Report from Police Department regarding in-service training.

REPORTS

Meeting was opened for a report from NAACP Housing Chairman, Cullen Dubose

regarding the housing problems in Lansing. He outlined some of the problems minorities encounter when they try to battle discrimination in housing and the tactics used by some contractors and agents to steer minorities into some areas and out of others. He said it is found that many minorities follow the path of least resistance and move into minority neighborhoods or fringe areas because of the general run-around, delays, frustrations and fear of harassment for their families.

He reported that there were more repossessions in Churchill Downs than in other sub-divisions, and that homes were made more available than in other areas. That there are homes comparable in price and age in other areas, but because of the reasons stated above, very few are shown or bought.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT—Lett

Monthly report of the Director which was mailed to Committee members was read.

Director reported that an invitation had been received to speak before a training class for teachers of the "culturally deprived" students.

EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE—

Cutler

No Report.

HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE—Lett

Churchill Downs Survey Report was presented by the Director and placed on file. A summary of the report was passed out to the Committee members and was made available to those interested. It was generally stated that the buyers liked the neighborhood and in most cases the down payment and the amount of the monthly payments would fit their income. Many did not have much money for a down payment. Many were not aware of the number of Negroes living in the area, nor the

number being shown homes there. Some felt that the close proximity to the school contributed to the best buy the farthest home would only be seven blocks away). Many of the houses in other areas they had looked at were too small, too old, or too costly compared to Churchill Downs. Some realtors would not show up for appointments, some would take them to areas "way out"—too far from town; others would show them "old barns" or crowded neighborhoods.

In some cases the houses had addendums attached. On some houses where the listing price was reasonable, they found the down payment unreasonable, or that the homes were "sold"—later finding the same homes were listed in the paper or had new "for sale" signs posted.

A general discussion followed, the general consensus being:

That half of the market is closed to minority groups.

That there is a long involved procedure when minority group members try to buy out of "their area."

That individuals are reluctant to inflict embarrassment or harassment on their families.

That if minorities were able to buy in other areas there would be less likelihood of ghetto's forming anywhere.

That Human Relations Committee should make a public statement concerning the inaccessibility of homes to minority group members.

That the public should make formal complaints to Human Relations Office and work with the Director to reach a solution.

That if some penalties were applied to builders, contractors and agents alike, some changes could be brought about.

It was stated by Committee Chairman and members that the names of those making formal complaints need not be made public, and that if complaint is made, investigation would follow.

Mr. John Fryer was introduced. He showed a map that demonstrated the trend in the discussed area. He stated that over 140 letters have been sent to people in real estate in the Lansing area, asking them to cooperate.

It was stated that the community must make individual agencies aware that they are responsible for their salesmen's action. Discussion followed with questions from the Committee and others in the audience.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee:

No Report.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee:

No report.

Unfinished business:

None.

New Business:

Chairman Lundberg handed out a list of Sub-Committee nominations and stated that if any member wishes to make any changes or wishes to serve on two committees, to please notify the Chairman or the Director.

COMMITTEES:

Housing

Stuart Dunnings
Rev. Kenneth Faiver

Education and Recreation

Phillip Gannon
Rev. C. David Darling
Mrs. Bernice Davenport

Research and Public Relations

Mrs. Betty Goodman
Rabbi Philip Frankel
Hugo Lundberg

Employment

John Haruska
Harold Cutler
John Lyons
Gerald Lett

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, September 9, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frankel, Goodman, Faiver, Davenport, Lundberg, Dunning, Gannon, Lett, Darling—9.

Absent: Lyons, Cutler, Haruska—3.

Visitors: Mrs. Kline, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fryer, Mr. Mateer, Mr. Oostmeyer—6.

Petitions: The petitions were read—7 written petitions, 5 informal petitions and numerous telephone complaints — all of which have been investigated.

2 written complaints against a local health studio for alleged discrimination or unequal treatment.

Petitions discussed at length by Committee after Director reviewed the cases. The Director told how attempts to talk to local management of the firm have been unsuccessful. The Civil Rights Commission has asked that the cases be turned over to them for further handling. The Committee instructed the Director to do so.

4 housing complaints which included the refusal of salesman to have FHA loan processed; discrimination by owner in refusing to sell home after allowing realtor to place home on open market (refusing the acceptance offer three different times); discrimination of real estate salesman in refusing to show listed homes; and discriminatory methods implied by salesman to discourage owners from making their homes available to minority groups. All housing complaints were turned over to the Housing Sub-Committee for further investigation.

One complaint concerned the alleged slowness of police in responding to a call, and the possible lack of adequate per-

sonnel. This matter was referred to the Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee for study.

During the discussion of complaints and petitions, it was brought out that the Committee should make use of public hearings to get at the facts. Some felt that the facts should be gotten first, come up with a good strong, clear cut case and then take action and that in some instances the Committee should turn the facts over to the Civil Rights Commission for action.

It was suggested that the Director should gather all factual data and meet with the sub-committee's before each regular meeting and discuss petitions before bringing them before the total committee.

COMMUNICATION

1. Letter from Board of Realtors regarding disposition of real estate discrimination case which resulted in firm losing the right to sell house in question.
2. Letter from Mr. Lobenthal regarding cancellation of Human Relations Conference September 18.
3. Letter from N.A.A.C.P. Housing Chairman regarding "suggested" discrimination to owner in selling house.
4. Letter sent by Director and Chief of Police regarding racial harmony.
5. Letter sent by Director to Dr. Manning regarding cut-back of Job Crops.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was read and placed on file. It included various meetings, conferences and talks that the Director was involved in during the month. Copies of the Director's report and a supplement were handed out to the Committee members.

Problems involving I-496 families were discussed. Father Faiver reported that some of the home owners feel they are not

getting a fair price from the Highway and that the appraisals are running too low; some are reporting that they are receiving or being offered less for their homes than they paid for them or now owe on them. The cost involved in getting private appraisals is too high, and not many can afford to do so. There was some discussion about the prices charged for private appraisals and it was suggested that a check be made with the Board of Realtors or some saving's and loan companies and compare the prices. The matter of checking appraisal costs was turned over to the Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee.

Other points brought out in the discussion were: Minorities are being forced to buy on the 'long dollar' and sell on the 'short dollar'; that there are thought to be cases where minorities are receiving less for houses than others of similar value; that re-appraisal costs for minorities seem to be higher; that many minorities are having trouble finding homes.

Chairman Lundberg read to the Committee a statement adopted by the City Council in 1962, which stated in part "that discrimination in house buying, selling or renting, should cease and such facilities be made available to all persons without consideration of race, color or national origin." Members of the Committee suggested that this statement should be re-issued and sent to all persons known to be involved in real estate dealings and appraisals.

Rev. Faiver commented that the city should take an even stronger stand and refuse services (sewer subsidies etc.) to developers and contractors who practice discrimination.

Mr. William Lett spoke about possible new 'ghetto's' being formed in which

householders are allowing their homes to run down and depreciate, then selling or renting to minorities. He suggested that the Committee become informed about the recently passed state bill which is aimed at promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the people by regulating the maintenance, alteration and improvement of dwellings etc. to see where it may be applicable in some local areas.

Mrs. Kline, of the Churchill Downs Neighbor-to-Nighbor Committee expressed concern over some contradictory statements made in the availability of homes to minorities in some areas and the availability of homes in the disputed area to non-minorities. Discussion followed on different methods that can be used to display signs showing people's respect for each other and willingness for open occupancy neighborhoods.

A follow-up on a check that was made of minorities employed in retail establishments was suggested by the Chairman and a report on opportunities in training in the schools was suggested by the Education Sub-Committee Chairman.

After discussion, the Committee regretfully accepted the resignation of the Secretary due to her pending transfer to the Housing Director's Office.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 14, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Betty Goodman.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frankel, Goodman, Faiver, Davenport, Dunnings, Cutler, Haruska, Darling—8.

Absent: Lyons, Lett, Gannon—3.

Visitors: Rev. Manker Harris from the Council of Churches, representatives from the Neighbor-to-Nighbor Committee, and a representative from the League of Women Voters.

Petitions: The petitions were read—5 written petitions, 2 informal petitions, all of which have been investigated.

1 written complaint—observed procedure
—Continuation of investigation on a local health studio for alleged discrimination or unequal treatment.

3 housing complaints which included: Owner denying an individual the right to occupy after the realtor had accepted a \$170 check as deposit and down payment. An individual was given verbal eviction notice on an apartment after they complained about rats and roaches. A discriminatory complaint on FHA housing development; complainant met qualifications and received approval after complying with all developers requirements.

1 Unequal treatment complaint—A patron complained he was refused service in a restaurant. City Attorney ruled management reserves the right to refuse service on the grounds of objectionable conduct on a previous occasion.

Informal Complaints:

1 Referral from the Mayor's office in regards to a family of seven being unable to receive welfare service.

1 Interpretation of busing procedures was sent to all parents in concerned area after a complaint was made of discriminatory busing of children by the Board of Education.

Communication:

1. Letter from NAIRO concerning a conference October 18th through the 21st. Committee voted and approved the Director to be present at this conference.

2. Letter from the Lansing School District, Division of Pupil Personnel, expressing their sincere appreciation to our Director for the aid he gave in clearing up the misunderstandings concerning the bus to C. W. Otto Junior High School.

3. Letter from John S. Duley, Commission on Religion and Race, Presbytery of Grand River, concerning the recent formation of the above commission. They would like to know what issues they might be able to help us on during the next few months.

4. Minutes from meeting of Greater Lansing Inter-Faith Council on Religion and Race, September 9, 1965.

5. Letter from W.J.I.M. Country House, asking the Committee if they would like to stage a ½ hour program on their station to discuss the features of the Human Relations Committee so as to better inform the public of the functions of the Committee. The Director will investigate as to this possibility.

6. The Committee advised the Director to send a letter to Dr. Manning stating that they voted and approved

unanimously to support his recommendations for the closing of West Junior High School and the transfer of the students to other schools.

Director's Report:

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included various meetings he had attended and the various talks he gave during the month of September. The Director also explained the organizing of the new Junior Human Relations Committee.

John Haruska, Chairman of the Employment Sub-Committee, turned over some of the employment survey sheets to the Director.

Again, problems involving I-496 families were discussed. Stuart Dunnings proposed that the Committee notify various realtors and advise them that they should advertise in the papers, etc., "all homes they have for sale, not just the ones on the West side of town." Mr. Fryer, member of the Churchill Downs Neighbor-to-Nighbor Committee stressed that the pressure is off there. Earlier there had been some tension as to the fact of members of the Negro race moving into the neighborhood.

Mrs. Davenport of the Education and Recreation Sub-Committee expressed her concern over the amount of students in the high schools who are not completing selected courses. They seem to lose all interest in the class before it is finished and they do not seem to understand the importance of graduating and receiving a diploma. To rectify this problem Mrs. Davenport stated the fact that the teachers should get together with the students, their parents, and counselors earlier in the child's school years; as early as 5th or 6th

grades. Mrs. Davenport was referred back to the Committee.

Suggested by Father Faiver and discussed at length, was the fact that the City police officers should take a more active part in community affairs, and that all policemen receive instructions in civil rights and in dealing with minority groups.

Vice-Chairman, Betty Goodman requested we ask the Mayor to proclaim Human Rights Week. Rabbi Frankel suggested that we arrange a specific project for this.

In new business, Rev. Darling requested that we find a new place to hold our monthly committee meetings. The Director will investigate as to this possibility.

Betty Goodman proposed changing the meeting time also. This was opposed by all committee members present.

The State Conference Group of the N.A.A.C.P. will hold a "Housing Workshop" meeting on Saturday, November 6th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Union Baptist Church. The meeting is open for anyone wishing to attend.

Due to the fact that our next regularly scheduled meeting falls on November 11, which is Veterans Day, the Committee voted and approved that we hold our meeting the following week on November 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

which was prepared by the Vice President and Director. This was approved after discussion.

The Commission considered the type of housing projects they would like to visit on December 28th. There was an expressed interest in visiting a high-rise for elderly and some not-so-successful housing projects.

The Director was instructed to make the arrangements for the trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MATEER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 18, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hugo Lundberg.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dunning, Frankel, Goodman, Lundberg, Faiver, Davenport—7.

Absent: Gannon, Haruska, G. Lett, Lyons, Darling—5.

Visitors: Rev. Manker Harris from the Council of Churches, representatives from the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee and from the League of Women Voters, and a representative from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai-B'rith. Members from the Junior Human Relations Committee.

Petitions: The petitions were read—3 written petitions, 1 informal petition, all of which have been investigated. Also there were 47 Housing complaints of which 15 were actually resolved; others referred to agencies or relocation officer: 24 calls from people needing rentals; referred to the relocation officer: 11 houses. People called these in as being available to sell at low cost, for the displaced people.

1—Unequal treatment—Tenancy in an apartment being terminated without giving cause for eviction notice. Tenant believes recent visit by Negroes might have precipitated this notice. Agent for apartment denies accusation and cancelled the notice.

1—Discrimination in refusing to serve customer—Referred from the Mayor's office—Patron refused service in a restaurant. After talking with the manager and waitress it was found that the patron had been

objectionable before. According to law, the management reserves the right to refuse service on these grounds.

1—A complaint of alleged police brutality—A mother filed a complaint that her son suffered a severe beating by some members of the Lansing Police Department. The Director presented to the Committee; statements from the victim, witnesses and those members of the Police Department involved. The Director turned over all the material to the Sub-Committee on Research and Public Relations.

INFORMAL COMPLAINT

1—A telephone call and complaint—A call was made to the Director to investigate the newspaper advertisements referring to "restricted lots." The caller said that she had been told by the realtor that this means "Negroes can not locate out there." She called the second day at the Directors request and the agent backed off his statement.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter has been sent to our Director from the Bethel Baptist Church thanking him for a speech that he gave there.
2. A letter was sent to Dr. Manning, regarding the phazing out of West Junior High School, as requested by the Committee in the October 14th meeting.
3. The charter for the new Junior Human Relations Committee was presented by their President, Diane Burton, to the Chairman, Mr. Lundberg.

4. The Committee has received an invitation to a dinner on December 15, 1965 sponsored by the Detroit Commission on Human Relations. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, for those wishing to attend.
5. A copy of a letter was received from Gerald K. Wyman, projects Director of Community Services, to the Meredian Township Board, expressing congratulations regarding their stand taken on "increased social awareness" and civil rights.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included various meetings he had attended and the various talks he gave during the month of October, 1965.

Employment Sub-Committee—No report.

Housing Sub-Committee—No report.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee—Mrs. Davenport requested that the committee meet with the Board of Education again and be brought up to date with what they have been doing in certain areas.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee—Discussed at length was the matter concerning the alleged beating of a youth by 5 members of the Lansing Police Department. The Committee voted that the matter be turned over to the Mayor, the Police and Fire Board and the City Council for further discussion with the Sub-Committee.

Voted and approved also were 2 amendments concerning this matter.

A mendment No. 1—That the Committee request to the City Council that they appoint a Civilian Review Board to investigate similar cases that may arise in the future.

Ammendment No. 2—That the Committee refer the matter to the State Civil Rights Commission without recommendation.

Also discussed was the planning for Human Rights Week, December 5th through December 10th, 1965. Betty Goodman suggested we make and put up some posters for this occassion and that possibly the Junior Human Relations Committee would be interested in doing this. With the Mayor's permission a Human Rights Week display will be placed in the lobby of City Hall during this week. Compliment of Everett High School.

Unfinished business—None.

New business—None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 9, 1965

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hugo Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Betty Goodman.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dunnings, Lyons, Lett, Lundberg, Davenport, Cutler, Darling, Goodman, Faiver—9.

Absent: Gannon, Haruska, Frankel—3.

Visitors: Representatives from the League of Women Voters.

Following roll call Chairman Lundberg suggested that a list be made out of the number of meetings each committee member has attended for the year of 1965.

Betty Goodman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed of the November 18, 1965 meeting. The motion was seconded by Stuart Dunnings.

Petitions: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received a Christmas card from the Y.M.C.A.
2. The Director received a letter from Haslett High School Honor Society asking him to give a speech at their assembly on December 10, 1965, concluding Human Rights Week.
3. A letter was received from the Okemos Church Senior Youth Fellowship asking the Director if he would be speaker for the Wesley Woods Winter-Retreat Camp near Dowling, Michigan—February 26-27, 1965.
4. Received the 1966 edition of the Directory of Civil Rights and Human Relations Agencies in Michigan.
5. A letter was received from the Greater Lansing Co-Ordination Council for Human Rights, announcing their meeting with the twin cities; St. Joe and Benton Harbor, on November 5, 1965.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was read and placed on file. It included various meetings he had attended and the various talks he gave during the month of November, 1965. The Director also explained about the booklet he has compiled regarding the police brutality complaint filed on November 7, 1965. The booklet includes statements made by the complainant, victim, witnesses, and respondents.

Employment Sub-Committee—No report.

Housing Sub-Committee—Discussed at length was the resolution proposed by Representatives Starr and Dingwell, urging the State Highway Department to take necessary action to halt property acquisitions for the I-496 highway until adequate homes can be found for the families living in the I-496 Corridor. The Committee asked the Director to send a letter of support to Representatives Starr and Dingwell. A meeting was arranged with him. Those to be present at the meeting were the Director, Chairman Hugo Lundberg, Father Faiver, William Mateer, Marcell Elliott, and Stuart Dunnings.

William Mateer, Housing Director told about a recently-enacted federal program he is exploring. It will allot rent or lease money to provide housing for low income groups pending construction of public housing.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee—Rev. Darling said that they had not held a Sub-Committee meeting as yet, but they are still striving to set up a meeting with the Board of Education.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee—Betty Goodman, vice-chairman, suggested again that the committee meet with the police command officials and the Mayor to work out a program to bring about better police-community relations.

In regards to the previous "alleged police brutality" complaint; it was suggested that

the committee contact the Police and Fire Board after their meeting December 14th, and set up a date for a meeting between them and the Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee.

Unfinished Business:

The Committee voted and approved to

support the Junior Human Relations Charter that was presented to the Committee at the November 18th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 8, 1965

The meeting was called to order by President Hewes.

Present: Hewes, English, Miller, Hartley, Sheets, Burnham—6.

Absent: DesRochers, Gibson—2.

That we consider the minutes of November 10, 1965 at the next regular meeting which will be held January 12, 1966.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication of action taken by the City Council November 22, 1965 that the Park Board be authorized to negotiate with the State Board of Aeronautics for the leasing of land east of Lansing Airport lying between DeWitt Road and Turner Street for possible golf facility.

Referred to Park Committee.

By the Park Committee—

That Mr. R. J. Gorman, 1965, Concession operator at Potter Park, be advised that the Park Board would permit usage of a cart or vehicle for servicing the zoo area if same would meet with Department of Health standards and if provided by the concessionaire at his expense. An additional permanent concession stand in the park is not recommended.

Carried.

Offer to sell certain land near Priggooris

Park from Fidelity Realty and Investment Co.

Referred to Park Committee.

Letter from Frank Pellerin, Assistant Baseball Coach, Michigan State University, requesting Municipal Field for two night games—8:00 P.M.—May 16 and 17, 1966.

By Mr. English—

That the Park Board approve above request.

Carried.

Letter from Mr. Kipke, Superintendent of Recreation, relative to staff members serving as Special Supervisors for program activities sponsored on the regional, state and national levels.

By Mr. English—

The request for our staff members to serve as special supervisors for activities which are sponsored on the regional, state and national levels cannot be resolved by the Park Board within the frame work of existing personnel rules and budget policy decisions.

We recommend that the request be referred to the Recreation Committee and Director.

Carried.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

No Cemetery financial report due to Con-

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 9, 1965

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Prayer was offered by Betty Goodman.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dunnings, Lyons, Lett, Lundberg, Davenport, Cutler, Darling, Goodman, Faiver—9.

Absent: Gannon, Haruska, Frankel—3.

Visitors: Representatives from the League of Women Voters.

Following roll call Chairman Lundberg suggested that a list be made out of the number of meetings each committee member has attended for the year of 1965.

Betty Goodman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed of the November 18, 1965 meeting. The motion was seconded by Stuart Dunnings.

Petitions

None.

Communications

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Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

Discussed at length was the resolution proposed by Representatives Starr and Dingwell, urging the State Highway Department to take necessary action to halt property acquisitions for the I-496 highway until adequate homes can be found for the families living in the I-496 Corridor. The Committee asked the Director to send a letter of support to Representatives Starr and Dingwell. A meeting was arranged with the Mayor for Monday, December 9, 1965 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the resolution with him. Those to be present at the meeting were the Director, Chairman Hugo Lundberg, Father Faiver, William Mateer, Marcell Elliott, and Stuart Dunnings.

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Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

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Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

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police command officials and the Mayor to work out a program to bring about better police-community relations.

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Unfinished Business

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Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.